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Truman's Chinese Fairy Tale

President Truman was nettled at his press conference Wednesday by critics of his policy in China, and said that American Marines were going to stay in China until our surrender terms with Japan were carried out.

That's the secret agreement, disclosed by Secretary Byrnes a month ago, to the effect that the United States is responsible for sending every Japanese soldier home.

But what does Mr. Truman have to say to Richard Johnston's eye-witness report of how the Japanese are not being disarmed in north China and are still guarding the railways for Chiang Kai-shek?

U. S. IN CHINA NOT DISARMING THE JAPANESE

(This veteran UP correspondent, who wrote some of the best reports of the U.S. marine landings in north China, has just returned to Hawaii and shows that the Japanese are NOT being disarmed in north China at all.)

By RICHARD W. JOHNSTON

HONOLULU, Dec. 13 (UP).—I have just flown out from the Gulf of Chihili, a hammer-shaped arm of the Yellow Sea which is the cradle of China's civil war, after more than six weeks of close personal observation and contact with both American and Chinese leaders on the spot.

American forces are supporting Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek's Chungking government in an attempted extension of power into north China and Manchuria in order to obtain a unified China under a regime that will be not only friendly but under obligation to the United States.

The decision to commit the United States to Chiang's support evidently originated from the belief in high Washington quarters that the Chinese Communists in the north were a negligible factor. That theory was definitely exploded by Vice-Adm. Daniel Barbey's recent inspection cruise in the Gulf of Chihili.

HOLDING CITIES FOR CHIANG

At the present time, two divisions of American marines are stationed in and around Tsingtao, Tientsin and Chinwangtao, in effect holding those cities while Chiang's armies try to force their way into Manchuria.

The marines have not disarmed any sizable percentage of the estimated 300,000 Japanese north of the Yellow River, because the Japanese also are being used to guard railroad lines and cities, thus releasing additional Kuomintang troops for operations against the Communists.

The Kuomintang is strongly opposed to the withdrawal of the marines and the United States Navy from China. Several high Chiang officers told this correspondent privately that they could not hold north China against the Communists without American help.

'IN THEORY ONLY'

The Americans are in China in theory to help disarm and repatriate the Japanese troops, but many observers believe they are delayed in this duty because the central government—which Washington is committed to support—would be unable to reoccupy the northern areas without the combination of Japanese and American assistance.

The result has been bitter resentment among the Chinese Communists, culminating several times in open clashes with the Americans, such as the occasional Communist attacks on marine-guarded trains. And politically the Communists have been edging closer to Soviet Russia.

American military commanders on the scene believe that United States forces could bring off the occupation of north China if they were actively committed to military operations in support of the Kuomintang.



Family Picket Line: The Wiggins kids unite around their father's struggle against Detroit Mayor Jeffries' proposal to cut city employees' take-home pay. They are picketing city hall. The last line on the last placard at the right reads, "There's three more at home." [Other photo on back page.]

Is History Repeating Itself?

The Atrocity

"A British punitive expedition supported by tanks and planes today burned every building in the village of Bekasi, 12 miles east of Batavia" on the island of Java.—United Press, Dec. 13, 1945. (Story on page 2)

The Alibi

The British claim that Indonesian "terrorists" had "mutilated" the bodies of some British airmen and Indian soldiers who crashed while flying into Java on Nov. 23.

The Atrocity

"All men in the Czechoslovak town of Lidice have been shot, the women sent to concentration camps, and the town itself levelled to the ground" the Berlin radio announced tonight.—Associated Press, June 11, 1942.

The Alibi

The Berlin radio claimed that the town "gave shelter and assisted" the "murderers" who had shot the Nazi leader, Reinhard Heydrich.

The Atrocity

"American Marines fired 24 mortar shells into a village northeast of Tientsin on Dec. 4, and seasoned combat men estimated the village could have been wiped out."—Associated Press, Dec. 9, 1945.

The Alibi

The American Marine commander, Maj. Gen. Keller E. Rockey claimed that the Chinese had "murdered" two Americans who were out hunting rabbits....



Nazis Slew Jews to Seize Homes

PALACE OF JUSTICE, Nuernberg, Dec. 13 (UP).—Concentration camp prisoners were hanged beside decorated Christmas trees, other victims were executed in alphabetical order and listed as victims of heart disease and American army war prisoners were hanged for destroying bridges, it was charged today at the war crimes trial.

Maj. William J. Walsh read from the diary of defendant Hans Frank, overlord of Poland, a regret that he could not wipe out "all Jews" within one year.

Walsh introduced direct evidence of anti-Jewish measures by defendant Arthur Seyss-Inquart, Austrian traitor.

It was brought out that in Warsaw, 400,000 Jews were herded into 27,000 apartments at an average of six to a room.

Housing conditions became so bad in Galicia, Walsh showed, that the SS was called in to "solve" the problem by murdering Jews.

An SS general named Katzmann reported, Walsh said, that some German shopkeepers were intervening "in a most shameful manner" to plead for the lives of Jews and added that the tradesmen were engaged in "an incredible black market business" with Jews.

Katzmann also reported in detail on the stealing of Jewish property including gold tooth fillings and even pencils.

An affidavit by Dr. Rezko Kastner, Hungarian Zionist leader now in London, told how the German Gestapo sent 475,000 Hungarian Jews to concentration camps or deported them.

A telegram from "hangman" Reinhardt Heydrich, later assassinated in Czechoslovakia, ordered all Gestapo agents:

"As many Jews, especially rich ones, as possible are to be arrested."

Dodd introduced in evidence a shrunken head, the bones taken out by the method used by Amazon River savages, which was a Nazi souvenir at Buchenwald. The victim, a Pole, was hanged for associating with a German girl.

Details of the enslavement of foreign workers were given at the start of the session, including the fact that slave labor expert Fritz Sauckel, one of the defendants, needed replacements at the rate of 2,500,000 workers a year for those worn to the breaking point or to death.



Answers for a Million Deaths: Former Nazi chief of Auschwitz concentration camp in Austria, Wilhelm Grabner stands before the muzzle of a loaded rifle as he answered questions in Vienna and admitted killing a million persons in his torture pens. The questioner is Dr. Heinrich Dumayer (seated), chief of the political police in Vienna, who once was in Grabner's power as a prisoner of Auschwitz and Mauthausen camps.

30,000 Belsen Jews Died Since VE, Chaplain Bares

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.—Over 30,000 Jews have died in the one camp of Bergen-Belsen since V-E Day, a Jewish U.S. Army chaplain revealed here today.

The "gruesome" situation in displaced persons camps in the American zone

British Burn Down Entire Java Village

BATAVIA, Dec. 13 (UP).—A British punitive expedition supported by tanks and planes today burned every building in the village of Bekasi, 12 miles east of Batavia.

Truckloads of soldiers swept through the village, drenching wooden buildings with gasoline and planting incendiary bombs, while tanks and artillery stood by to repel any attacks. Indonesian trucks fleeing the village were destroyed by machine gun and cannon fire from RAF planes.

The Netherlands News Agency Aneta said some 500 villagers were rounded up and held under guard while the village was being destroyed.

VILLAGE DEMOLISHED

Only a few stone buildings and the local jail were left standing in the village. A column of black smoke rising 1,000 feet over Bekasi could be seen from Batavia, Aneta

said a full battalion of troops was employed.

A British announcement said it was hoped the burning of Bekasi would have a salutary effect on "Indonesian terrorists."

The action was allegedly taken in retaliation for the killing of 22 British and Indian survivors of an air crash on Nov. 29.

Meanwhile, it was announced that the Allied War Crimes Commission for Java, which arrived in the first ship after the Japanese capitulation, had arrested 43 Japanese war criminals and two Indonesians and were holding 15 others for interrogation out of a total of 204 suspects.

Byrnes to Stop at Berlin

PARIS, Dec. 13 (UP).—Secretary of State James F. Byrnes left Orly Airport for the Moscow Foreign Ministers' Conference by way of Berlin today at 3:50 p.m. (9:50 a.m. EST), after a two-hour stopover during which he remained at the airport and lunched with U. S. Ambassador Jefferson Caffery.

Wants UNO Site in Europe, Lauds USSR

LONDON, Dec. 13 (UP).—Philip J. Noel-Baker of Britain today demanded the UNO locate in Europe because its peoples have best learned that war must be suppressed in the common interest.

Addressing the Preparatory Commission site committee, Noel-Baker paid tribute to Soviet Russia as the only one of the stronger nations between wars that understood that "peace is indivisible," and said all others turned a deaf ear to Moscow's attempts in the middle '30's to convince the world that the "security of one is the security of all." He admitted it was a sorry and lamentable crime that the signatories of the Nine-Power Pact guaranteeing China's integrity in 1921 failed to stop Japanese aggression when Japan invaded Manchuria.

FTC Asks Repeal of Price-Fixing Laws

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13 (UP).—The Federal Trade Commission today recommended repeal of the Miller-Tydings enabling act under which 45 states have passed laws permitting manufacturers to set their own retail prices.

of Germany was ascribed by Capt. Robert S. Marcus to field officers who have "completely ignored" directives from President Truman and General Eisenhower to improve conditions.

"The military Government of officers on the scene just don't care about the Jews," Capt. Marcus told a press conference called by the World Jewish Congress. "The result is that many of these 100,000 homeless people are still crammed into typhus-infected rooms and barely subsisting on rations no better than what the Germans gave them."

Capt. Marcus warned that a large part of the 100,000 will die this winter unless conditions are improved and opportunity to emigrate to Palestine granted.

Laborite MP Blasts Loan

LONDON, Dec. 13 (UP).—The House of Commons approved the \$4,400,000,000 British-American credit agreement tonight by 345 votes to 98, after a bitter two-day debate in which Conservative leader Winston Churchill asserted that relations with the United States had become "more distant and more difficult" under the Labor Government.

Bitterness of feeling over the loan was emphasized when Jennie Lee, wife of Health Minister Aneurin Bevan, attacked the agreement.

Defying the Labor Party leadership by speaking against the motion for approval of the credit agreement, Miss Lee accused the United States of "trying to buy economic starvation on the cheap."

"I am mortally afraid of the terms of this loan both as it affects us and the working men of America," Miss Lee said.

"There is no wisdom in this loan. There is no kindness... The American people are victims of a hard-faced business man's government which is leading them into serious trouble... The Americans are pressing a very hard bargain."

COMMUNISTS PICKET TO 'OPEN PALESTINE'

Fifty pickets, Negro and white, Jew and non-Jew, braved harbor-side winds at noon yesterday to picket the British consulate, 25 Broadway, and demand an end to the White Paper restricting Jewish immigration to Palestine.

The picket line, sponsored by the New York State Communist Party, bore signs denouncing the wave of terror against Jews in Palestine and calling for Arab-Jewish cooperation in a land freed of imperialist intervention.

The picket line started off a day full of activities in behalf of Europe's homeless Jews and their aspiration to find a decent life and a refuge after the years of tion.

Throughout the day thousands of leaflets headed: "Open the Doors of Palestine Now" were distributed in the garment center and residential communities. In the evening Communist Party Clubs in Brooklyn, Manhattan and the Bronx sponsored a series of rallies based on the same

urgent theme.

A telegram, sent to the British Consulate General by Robert Thompson, chairman of the New York State CP said:

"The Communist Party today picketed your offices demanding immediate end to White Paper in Palestine. We demand British Labor Government abolish the White Paper and cease the wave of terror against Palestine Jewry. 'Only a united Anglo-American-Soviet agreement for Palestine, in consultation with Jews and Arabs, with British turning over her Palestine mandate to the new United Nations Organization, can offer a just and democratic solution."

"We protest the new 'Anglo-American Commission' for a so-called 'investigation' as continuing the shameful imperialist 'divide and rule' policy in Palestine."

"We demand the immediate opening of the doors of Palestine to the Jews now."

Sentence 36 to Hang For Dachau Atrocities

DACHAU, Germany, Dec. 13 (UP).—Thirty-six former officials and guards of the Dachau concentration camp were sentenced by an American Military Tribunal today to death by hanging for their part in slaying

thousands of Nazidom's victims by torture, starvation, or criminal "medical experiments."

One man was sentenced to life imprisonment and three to 10 years in prison. All sentences are subject

to review by Lt. Gen. Lucian K. Truscott, Commander of U. S. Forces in the Eastern Occupation Area, and by Gen. Joseph T. McNarney, Commander of American Troops in the European Theatre.

Flu Epidemic in Early Stage

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13 (UP).—Public Health Service reports disclosed tonight that a nation-wide influenza epidemic is in the early stage, but that there is no danger of a repetition of the devastating epidemic of 1918.

The report shows that cases jumped from 5,240 on Nov. 24 to 13,220 on Dec. 1, then to 49,694 on Dec. 8, latest date of compilation. The affliction now current is not of the virulent type. There have been no deaths reported.

Influenza Egged Out

ANN ARBOR, Mich., Dec. 13 (UP).—A vaccine produced from fertile hen's eggs has proved effective as a protection against influenza, the University of Michigan announced today.

Truman's Houses--Castles in the Air

By MAX GORDON

President Truman bowed to popular pressure when he proposed to reestablish housing priority controls and to set price ceilings on homes, but these proposals will not supply homes for those that need them.

The proposals call for giving priority to 50 percent of the available building materials to homes costing up to \$10,000; releasing building materials held by the armed forces and other government agencies; asking Congress to authorize price ceilings on private homes.

There are two reasons why this program will not provide homes to those that need them:

1.—They are designed to make more materials available to the private builders, but there is no

reason to believe the builders will end their sabotage, which is directed against material and price controls.

2.—Since the trouble has been that without priorities the building materials have gone into high-priced buildings, the \$10,000 upper limit will tend to become the minimum, and few people can afford houses at that price.

The first reaction to the President's program from the building monopoly serves to emphasize both these difficulties.

Frank W. Cortwright, executive vice-president of the National Association of Home Builders, attacked the price control proposal as "unrealistic and unworkable and as a stumbling block to solving the housing program." He was joined in his denunciation by the heads of the National Association of Real Estate Boards and the Producers Council, Inc.

Indications are, then, that the builders will continue their sabotage if price controls on homes are instituted.

Real estate experts themselves caution against anyone buying a house for \$10,000 who is making less than \$90 a week. The cost and

upkeep amounts to about \$100 a month on such a house. Thus even on the basis of the President's proposals, which the builders are not accepting, the great majority of returning servicemen and war workers would not benefit from the plan.

According to Jules Korchin, New York City CIO Housing Chairman, the only solution is for the government to do in the current emergency what it did in the war emergency: namely, to build the houses itself. During the war, the Federal Public Housing Authority built hundreds of thousands of homes for war workers. Why, he asks, can it not do the same thing now?

Second, the high cost of home

building today is due in large part to the black market in materials. To some extent, the Truman plan to make military supplies available will help to crack the black market. But the government once started an anti-trust suit against the building materials monopoly which it dropped during the war. That should be picked up again as a means of breaking the black market and the sabotage in production of building materials.

Finally, though the figure set by Truman is too high, the idea of controlling prices of homes is fine. Legislation before Congress to empower him to do this, embodied in the Patman bill, will require strong popular support.



Food for the Battle: Irving Bluestone, regional director of the CIO United Automobile Workers Union, accepts the fruits of an intense campaign conducted this week by the National Maritime Union office staff to collect food for GM strikers. Left to right, Bluestone, Harriet Johnson, Ida Arbliman, and Tessie Abramovitz, chairman of the Strike Aid Committee. —Daily Worker Photo.

Early UE Strike Ballots Show Big 'Yes' Vote

CHICAGO, Dec. 13 (UP).—Some 200,000 electrical workers voted today on whether to strike against three big electrical appliance makers in 16 states.

Early returns show two Westinghouse plants voting almost 3 to 1 in favor of striking. The Westinghouse plant in Indianapolis voted by a 17 to 6 ratio to walk out; the company's Buffalo, N. Y., plant voted by a ratio of 43 to 17 for a strike.

The election is being held under the supervision of the National Labor Relations Board at the request of the United Electrical, Radio and Machine workers of America (CIO).

City Reluctant—But Accepts High Bid on Housing

The New York City Housing Authority yesterday was "reluctantly" forced to accept a bid of \$208,300 for the foundation of the Elliot project in Chelsea, Manhattan. The bid went to the Corbetta Co., and was considered high by the Authority.

The Authority recently rejected all bids on the Elliot Houses because builders, taking advantage of the housing shortage, attempted to force exorbitant prices for construction.

GM Asks Court To Bar Picketing

DETROIT, Dec. 13.—The General Motors Corp., while its representatives stalled on negotiations here, today went into a Cleveland court today for an injunction to restrain strike picketing by the United Automobile Workers.

The move is aimed at Fisher Body Local 45 of the UAW. A GM spokesman said similar action will be taken in other cities where the corporation's 93 struck plants are located.

Tension mounted high, meanwhile, among Ford workers which today's publication of the company's letter rejecting wage demands and demanding speedup in production. The company even gave the "brush-off" to UAW negotiator Richard T. Leonard's "security" proposal under which wildcat strikers would be fined \$3 a day for the first offense and \$5 for the second.

John S. Bugas, former Detroit FBI head and now Ford labor relations director, said there was some doubt of the legality of fining workers individually. He holds to the company's original proposal that the union's treasury should pay \$5 for every day lost by each of its members involved in wildcat strikes.

Sentiment is widespread among Ford workers for withdrawal of the "security" proposal now that the company flatly rejected the wage demands. Workers point out that productivity is at an all-time high, far above the rate in 1941 when Ford signed his first UAW contract.

Leonard is also being reminded that he himself termed the Ford demand, when it was first made,

CIO to Picket GM Building Here Dec. 20

A CIO mass picket line will cover the General Motors Building, 57th St. and Broadway, next Thursday afternoon, Dec. 20, in the first big action in support of the auto workers' strike, it was announced yesterday.

The picket line, called by a special Joint CIO Committee, will merge into a mass rally at nearby Columbus Circle. Speakers at the rally will include UAW president, R. J. Thomas, and vice-president Walter P. Reuther.

The committee appealed to supporters to bring food and children's toys to the rally to be distributed as Christmas cheer to GM workers and their families in this area.

as a "union-busting device." It is further pointed out that the company too demanded that the union itself "should exercise control over its members."

The problem is seen as one for the international convention to handle next March on the basis of a study of the problem by a union committee, which should begin now.

Leonard, meanwhile, disputed the company's claim that its wage scales are 7 percent above its highest competitor. The company used its wartime figures to obtain the high average.

Enough Ships to Get GIs Home, Admirals Admit

By ART SHIELDS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.—Two high Navy officials admitted today at a House Naval Affairs sub-committee hearing that there are plenty of ships which can be used to bring GIs and sailors home from overseas.

Under questioning by Chairman Frank R. Havenner (D-Cal) and other members of the committee, Rear Admiral A. M. Callaghan, Chief of Naval Transportation, and Rear Admiral Felix Johnson of the Bureau of Naval Personnel agreed there is a surplus of ships.

Adm. Johnson declared that the Navy is retiring and decommissioning 15 combat vessels, with a troop-carrying capacity of more than 33,000 men. These vessels have been ferrying boys home from Europe.

TO USE CARRIERS

Among the troop-carrying ships to be decommissioned, said Callaghan, are four large carriers, with a capacity of 1,900 passengers each; six cruisers, carrying 800 to 1,000 men each, and one auxiliary carrier, with places for 1,100 men.

All are fast ships that could put speed into the return of the 276,000 men the admirals said were now eligible under service regulations for shipment home, and the 445,000 who will become eligible in 90 days.

At the same time Johnson admitted that the Navy is about to slow down its demobilization of sailors.

The Navy, which passed the million mark today in its sailor take-home program, will slow down to a monthly average of 152,000 in April and May, with a rise again later in the summer, it was disclosed.

TO CUT GI RETURNS

Return of GIs from Europe will drop to less than 100,000 a month, the officials reported. Havenner and Rep. George J. Bates (R-Ky) expressed astonishment at this information. They have been getting a flood of letters from high-point servicemen who say the authorities claim their return is held for lack of ships, the Congressmen said.

"Why aren't the boys home if there are plenty of ships?" asked Bates. The reply was that the Navy was taking home men listed as "available" for return. And "availability" was determined by the area command, not by them, the admirals declared.

The statement about "surplus" ships contradicts Maj. Gen. C. P. Gross, who resigned as chief of Army Transportation Dec. 1. In a statement early last month, Gross blamed the tardiness of demobilization on "strikes" and shorter work days.

Representatives of CIO Maritime Unions may have something to say about this when they testify before the Havenner Committee.

Havenner said today that he was

calling the maritime unionists as well as Army and Navy authorities concerned with the problem. The probe was launched in accordance with a resolution introduced by the California House member.

The resolution points to widespread complaints that service men are kept overseas while available ships are not used to bring them back. It calls on the Army and Navy to furnish fullest information.

GI Blows Top On Draft Plan at House Hearing

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13 (UP).—Pvt. George L. Mark, an elder "GI Joe," got a chance to speak his mind about the army big brass today and took it.

He was invited by the House Military Affairs Committee to give his views on the War Department plan for peacetime military conscription.

In the first place, he said, it isn't a plan, it's a plot—a plot of "aristocratic phony and Pentagon Boy Scouts" to keep themselves in high rank.

"These officers don't like work," he said. "If they did they wouldn't be in the Army. They're in the army as officers because they can't make a fight in the competitive game."

Mark is 37 and still wearing khaki. There are six other servicemen in his family.

The big brass, he said, are "be-medaled fourflushers who pass out decorations with one hand and doctor reports on demobilization with the other."

Told that the army wants a compulsory system because a voluntary enlistment program is expensive, he observed:

"Huh, aint that a joke! In the Pacific area, we are dumping so-called surplus jeeps into the ocean. In the Philippines, we destroy food before the eyes of starving people. Since when has the army become economy minded?"

He has no use for public opinion polls showing that compulsory service is favored. The polls taken largely among childless people, he said, rather than among parents who have "scrimped and saved" to raise their children.



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Negro Paper, Disillusioned In Truman, Looks to Third Party

The Chicago Defender, powerful Negro weekly, will throw its weight behind a new labor-liberal party should one be organized, Earl Conrad, its New York representative, said yesterday.

Conrad's statement followed an editorial in the current edition of the Defender which attacked both the Truman Administration and the Republican Party for scuttling full employment measures and the Fair Employment Practices Committee.

"Liberals and minority groups, disillusioned by the conservative trend of the Truman Administration, can find no consolation in the Republican Party insofar as providing a change for progressivism," the editorial said.

It went on to attack the GOP for betraying its pledge to the Negro

people on behalf of FEPC and for using FEPC as a weapon to scuttle the Full Employment Bill, the increased compensation and the 65 cents minimum wage bills. Republicans had threatened to affix a permanent FEPC amendment to each of these measures in a frank maneuver to line up the Southern Democrats solidly against them and thereby defeat them.

"All of this only emphasizes the need for clearer lines of division separating the ideologies, rather than the division of Democrat and Republican if our democracy's institutions are to endure," the pa-

per went on to say. "The new line must be between liberals and conservatives."

"When the new parties are formed, according to the voting records of this date, most Republicans will be permanently wedded to the Southern Democrats in founding the new reactionary-conservative Party."

Conrad stated he had called the paper's editor, Dr. Metz P. P. Lo-chard, and had received confirmation of the fact that this meant that the paper would back a third party based on labor and liberals.

The Defender is perhaps the most influential organ of that segment of the Negro people that backed the Roosevelt-Truman ticket last

year. Disillusionment with Truman and the position taken by it is expected to sway other organs of Negro opinion.

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City May Call Health Emergency In Housing Crisis

By LOUISE MITCHELL

The peril to health caused by the extreme housing shortage may cause the declaration of a health emergency in New York City, Commissioner of Housing and Building Joseph Platzker revealed yesterday.

The Commissioner said that housing officials had met to discuss the problem and were preparing to call upon the Department of Health to declare an emergency in the event the housing shortage grows more acute.

Speaking at the morning session of the two-day health conference at the Hotel Pennsylvania, Platzker also disclosed another menace to health stemming from the acute shortage of factory space which is causing manufacturers to open shops in street stores. At present, he said, 1,674 such units operate with 16,267 persons working in store shops.

PUTS BLAME ON STATE

Platzker attempted to cover up the do-nothing policy of the city administration during the present housing emergency. He put the blame on the state administration for failure to aid the municipalities.

Platzker spoke at a conference sponsored by the Public Health Association of New York City in collaboration with the American Public Health Association. The commissioner asked for a modification of the present five percent compound interest rate for one and two-family dwellings under the Federal Housing Agency Title One contracts.

Dr. George T. Palmer, senior sanitarian of the U. S. Public Health Service, said that 6,500 vacancies exist among the 29,000 established positions in state and local health departments throughout the country. These positions have to be

Union Parley to Map Aid to Jews

A trade union conference to launch a campaign for aid to Jewish victims of Nazism in Central and Eastern Europe will be held today (Friday) 1:30 p.m. at the McAlpin Hotel.

The conference, called by the Trade Union Committee for Jewish Unity, will also map a struggle against the British White Paper, as well as a campaign against anti-Semitism in America.

Speakers will be: Louis Weinstock, secretary-treasurer of Districts, Brotherhood of Painters, recently returned from Europe; Max Perlow, chairman of the Committee and leader of the Furniture Workers Union; and Maurice Rosenberg, administrative secretary of the committee.

filled in order to carry out a health program, he declared.

A description of how the Red Hook-Gowanus area in Brooklyn cooperated to establish its own neighborhood health council was described by Dr. Jerome S. Peterson, district health officer.

Dr. Theodore G. Klumpp described the wonders of the new drug, streptomycin, an earth mould penicillin, which should be available for medical use in the near future.

The conference continues today.

Cancer Toll High

Cancer is killing 165,000 Americans annually, second only to heart disease in number of deaths.

City CIO Urges Support Of Russian Relief Rally Tuesday

CIO unions were urged to get behind the Russian Relief rally at Madison Square Garden, Tuesday, Dec. 17, in a resolution adopted by the New York CIO Industrial Union Council's fortnightly meeting last night.

The resolution supporting the "Welding the Peace" meeting, which will launch the 1946 \$25,000,000 relief campaign by the Russian Relief, Inc., said world peace rests on fullest expression of friendship between the two most powerful nations in the world.

Eyewitness accounts of Soviet conditions will be presented by Ed-

ward C. Carter, president of Russian Relief, and James B. Carey, secretary-treasurer of the CIO. Both have just returned from the Soviet Union.

Among other speakers scheduled to address the meeting are Mayor Fiorello H. LaGuardia and Dean Virginia Gildersleeve.

A dramatic presentation will star Helen Hayes and Frederic March. The second concert performance in New York of Sergei Prokofiev's "Alexander Nevsky Cantata" will be given by the New York Philharmonic Symphony Orchestra under the direction of Leopold Stokowski.

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Jobless Nearing End Of Insurance Aid

By DOROTHY LOEB

Four months after Japan's surrender, unemployment is still rising in the New York area.

Cheery government assurances that reconversion was just around the corner, once V-J Day layoffs were over, haven't paid off.

Instead, firings have continued. Unions, looking for jobs for their members, report they see more firings ahead.

Figures from Industrial Commis-

sioner Edward Corsi on unemployment insurance applications from metropolitan New York give you a quick idea of what the score is. They show a steady rise in numbers of applications for unemployment benefits.

Cases on file (new applications and those already getting benefits) totaled 93,741 as of Oct. 26. As of Nov. 16, the total was 97,218. By Nov. 23, it had reached 97,932. The week ended Nov. 30, the last for which figures are available, the total reached 105,212. Of these, 8,457 were new cases.

DENIED BENEFITS

That's only part of the unemployment story. Thousands of New Yorkers, federal employees in particular but others as well, are not eligible for benefits. Their plight isn't recorded in Division of Unemployment Insurance and Placement statistics.

Veterans who left war industry to go into industry are finding Selective Service law promises of reinstatement empty in many cases. Often they return to find their old jobs no longer exist.

But the full weight of the lag in reconversion won't begin to be felt until the jobless reach the end of their unemployment insurance rope. But that's just ahead.

Benefits are given for just 26 weeks. For many, that'll end just around Christmas and after the new year. These jobless will either

Pittsburgh CIO Backs DeLacy 'Quit China' Bill

By JOSEPH GODFREY

PITTSBURGH, Dec. 13. — The Pittsburgh Industrial Union Council, CIO, this week unanimously condemned the use of American marines to intervene in the internal affairs of China.

A resolution adopted by the Council called for full support of Representative Hugh DeLacy's "Quit-China" resolution, and urged all local congressmen to work for its adoption.

The CIO body also gave unanimous support to the position taken by CIO President Philip Murray against the Truman proposals, and pledged a full fight against the efforts of Big Business to weaken the trade unions.

TO CALL PARLEY

The CIO Council voted to call a labor conference within 30 days to mobilize the community in support of the CIO's wage demands.

Sharp discussion on political action centered around the resignation of David Lawrence, mayor-elect endorsed by labor, as chairman of the Democratic Party. A resolution adopted by the Council demanded that labor be consulted in the selection of a new Democratic chairman and warned that labor's future support of the Democratic Party would be determined by the extent to which the Democrats were willing "to join with us in the selection of the best candidates."

deductions, the take-home is about the same as unemployment insurance.

Forty-nine percent of all jobs offered for men were at rates of from 60 to 70 cents an hour. For a 40-hour week, this gives a take-home of \$28 a week. Jobs paying 80 to 90 cents an hour were filled faster than they were received at USES offices.

A sampling of 100 laid off workers, 35 of them women, 65 men, revealed this result from their job-hunting. All found work but the report shows under what circumstances they found it.

Fifteen got new jobs at higher rates than they'd been paid before. None of the 15 were women.

Twenty got jobs at the same rates that they'd been paid before. Four of these were women.

Thirty-four got jobs at a 5 percent cut. Thirty-one took a cut averaging 17 percent.

The survey showed that if organized labor's demand for a 65-cent an hour national minimum wage were granted, 40 per cent of the jobs offered by USES here would be affected.

Not only are the jobs offered at low rates, but the work week ranges far below the wartime 55 to 60 hours a week. That cuts the take-home of those employed because they lose the heavy-paying overtime pay.

BACK AT LESS PAY

Many New Yorkers were laid off from Federal Drydock & Shipbuilding Corp. yards in Kearny and Port

Newark, N. J. Some of them have been recalled. But the jobs they're offered now would pay as much \$10 less a week than heretofore because hours have been cut.

Down-grading is another factor affecting those who didn't get fired. Workers who are protected by their seniority are told that they may remain in the shop conditional on acceptance of a job that pays less. Otis Elevator Co. in Yonkers and the Anaconda Wire & Cable Co. in Hastings-on-Hudson are among plants where this happens. Union officials tell me it is general practice throughout the area.

At a shop like Sperry Gyroscope, where employment fell from 33,000 to 7,000, many servicemen are

finding that the jobs they left behind them just don't exist any more. The union there, Local 450 of the CIO United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers, has had to establish a personal service division to handle the personal problems of members.

All had a nest egg of some kind—either retroactive pay and bonds or mustering out pay. But that's melting away. Now eviction cases, hospital and medical needs, foreclosures and the like are beginning to require handling.

Several other unions, like Local 450, are helping workers grapple with these problems. Others will have to do the same and fast.

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MADISON SQUARE GARDEN has seen many a meeting for better understanding between our own country and the Soviet Union, but next Tuesday night's rally is a very special kind.

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Medical supplies of every kind are a burning need over there, as you can realize if you remember that the Nazis ransacked and destroyed no less than 6,000 hospitals and 33,000 clinics. Just think of what our own need would be if we had been confronted with the same situation!

That's why the 1946 Relief Campaign is so important. We urge our readers to turn out for this most elementary way of welding American-Soviet friendship.

Senate Must Kill Hobbs Bill

REACTION won a round in the battle on the anti-labor bills Wednesday when the House adopted the Hobbs bill. While a few Representatives spoke out sharply against this vicious bill, it must be stated that the friends of labor in Congress did not distinguish themselves by their vigor or alertness in defense of the interests of labor and the people.

Only 50 Congressmen were present when the bill was called up. When the voting was about to begin, only 113 out of the 400 Representatives were present. The vote as taken was a voice vote, without any record as to how the Congressmen voted or, in fact, which Congressmen were present.

The Hobbs bill, fathered by polltaxer Sam Hobbs of Selma, Ala., is a particularly nasty piece of legislation. Presented as a measure to eliminate labor racketeering, it is, in fact, a threat to the very principle of organized labor. "Dues collection is interpreted as 'extortion'" and the supporters of the legislation have widely advertised their intention of using its penalties—up to \$20,000 and 10 years imprisonment—against members of the teamsters' union.

Reaction's victory in the House was an easy one. If this bill becomes law, the labor-baiters will be encouraged. The floodgates will be opened for the avalanche of anti-labor bills which the monopolists have ready.

The Hobbs bill can, however, be defeated in the Senate if the forces of labor will make their influence felt. Indeed, on such measures as this, where the interests of both AFL and CIO are so obviously involved, joint action is not only possible but essential.

The situation is so alarming that no time should be lost in guaranteeing that the Senators shall hear how the folks back home feel about this disgraceful and sinister bill.

The 'Phony War' Days

DO YOU remember the time of the "phony war"?

When Britain and France were supposed to be fighting Hitler during 1939-40?

And, instead, were secretly trying to see if they could still steer Hitler against Russia, with them as open or behind-the-scenes allies?

The latest evidence in the Nuernberg trials shows that the Communists were completely right about that.

We know now—the Nuernberg evidence proves it—that the British cabinet was secretly trying to reach the German high command to negotiate peace on an anti-Soviet basis.

The German ambassador in Rome, von Mackensen, wrote a letter reporting that a British agent was propositioning him on just that.

Those were the days when the Communists in France were hounded as "foreign agents" for refusing to follow Petain. The world knows Petain was a traitor then, and Communists sit in the French cabinet today.

We said, against almost universal opposition, that there must be a real fight against Hitler, and that the test for a genuine fight was unity with the Soviet Union against the common enemy. Otherwise, America was in peril of being drawn into the kind of double-dealing practiced by the unknown British agent in Rome. That would have left us wide open to German attack later on.

The people who mocked us—and still do in the face of the overwhelming evidence—were peddling anti-American stuff.

Views on Labor News

Dubinsky, an AFL 'Progressive'

By George Morris

CASTING his first ballot as a reinstated member of the AFL's executive council of 13, David Dubinsky voted for suspension of the International Association of Machinists from the ranks of the American Federation of Labor. Behind that simple deed, and Dubinsky's own reinstatement



after some eight years of good behavior, is the story of social democracy's game and the new perspectives for reactionaries in the AFL. Members of the IAM were probably astonished when the AFL council suddenly announced the union's suspension and directed all state and central bodies to "dissociate and suspend from membership any affiliate chartered by the IAM." This came close on the heels of the recent IAM's convention decision to continue withholding per capita dues payments until the union's jurisdictional claims were set right.

But AFL action would not have surprised IAM members so much, had it not been for the assurance Harvey Brown, the president, gave inquiring convention delegates that he was positive suspension action would not be taken for a long time. Why was Brown so sure?

Some put two and two together and reasoned: surely, Brown isn't playing a lone hand against the entire battery of top AFL leaders. In recent months, it was noticed, Brown has been particularly chummy with Matt Woll and Dubinsky, especially in support of their pet projects—the Labor Conference on International Affairs and the movement for the "million dollar" drive to help stand-pat old-line Social Democrats in Europe's labor movement.

Tried Hard to Please Social Democrats

The other part of the equation came during the recent convention of the IAM when Brown's executive council held a special meeting to decide on introducing the only two resolutions the council recommended—one endorsing the Byrnes-Bevin atom bomb swinging anti-Soviet policy at the London conference, the other an all-out OK of the AFL's denunciation of the newly-formed World Federation of Trade Unions because the Soviet labor movement is a part of it.

The language of the resolutions virtually betrayed their source as at least in spirit from the Woll-Dubinsky office if not in actual text. The two are the trustees of the AFL's international relations, with Woll representing the traditional bureaucracy and Dubinsky furnishing the European or emigre forces through whom the AFL is working.

The extraordinary efforts that Brown and his associates have made to have the two resolutions passed were quite conspicuous, especially since Brown, not long ago, professed to feel otherwise on the issues in question. Now it is quite well established that this was part of a deal from which Brown felt he might gain allies in his fight for justice on his jurisdictional war with Bill Hutcheson of the Carpenters and others in the AFL's hierarchy.

At any rate, Brown proved to the 13 moss-backs that they have absolutely no reason to suspect him of anything more than just a plain jurisdictional scrap.

Well Familiar to New Leader

The New Leader, organ of social democracy (Nov. 10), boasts of being well informed of Brown's intentions. The two resolutions, says the New Leader, were introduced to "smoke out" the "Stalinists," and adds that "Brown it is understood is determined to oust the Stalinists" and is pleased to note that he "stands firm on his anti-CIO policy despite the quarrel with the AFL executive council." That was before the announced suspension.

Now Brown and his associates can see their "friends" looking out of the AFL's council window laughing and making faces at them.

The game of social democracy is based on deepening and developing division in labor's ranks. They do so by making themselves useful to the most reactionary racketeering element in the labor movement. Those who know how Dubinsky's Liberal Party worked this game in New York politics should see how he plays the game in the AFL executive council.

Members of Dubinsky's union may remember the line he gave them in 1940 when he projected return to the "house of labor" after temporary association with the CIO. He said, "Let's get in and be a progressive influence in there." Dubinsky has worked his way up now to a point that he is part of the inner circle of those in the top AFL leadership who are working to tie labor to the kite of American imperialism—

the most reactionary forces in American life. This is why he rated the spot on the council left vacant by the late Edward Flore of the restaurant union. Now, with talk of John L. Lewis' return to the fold, and an executive council seat as a condition, Dubinsky promptly added his vote to the other conspirators to get Brown out and create another vacancy.

Reaction Becomes Entrenched

This group has made quite an advance since the days when its sure votes counted only three or four. With Roosevelt dead and his policies being kicked over-fast by the present administration, and disillusionment with the Democratic Party developing rapidly among the workers, this clique views a bright future along the dark path of the Hoover-Vandenberg-Taft-Dewey side of reaction. They will work to head off third-party sentiment through close association with the forces of a revitalized imperialism and fresh confidence in the NAM's "free enterprise." And then, there is the juicy plum of an AFL presidency to think of, for old Brother Green has long talked of retiring and replacement is in order very soon.

The new lease for reaction has quite a base in the council. Hutcheson of the Carpenters, George Meany of the Plumbers; G. M. Bugniet, of the Electricians, Dubinsky of the Garment Workers and George M. Harrison of the Railway Clerks, and Lewis, soon, from the miners, would among themselves command nearly a third of the AFL's voting power.

As dangerous as such a combination is, the Woll-Dubinsky influence in it makes it especially threatening to labor and the national interest generally. One indicator of what Dubinsky's role within this combination is could be seen from the current issue of the New Leader, in an article by the dean of the anti-Soviet Social Democrats, Raphael Abramovitch. This gentleman who is wanted in the Soviet Union for plotting against the government, pleads with the administration not to let the USSR into any agreements on atomic energy, until there is a change of government there. He likens the USSR to Hitler Germany and screams that given the "secret" the Soviet Union would soon wipe out American cities.

Dubinsky's Social Democracy outdoes Hearst today. Hearst gets his ideas from them.

Change the World

WALKING up frozen Fourth Ave. to the office last Sunday I met a young photographer of my acquaintance who stood shivering behind his camera facing the expanse of the Cooper Union area.

"Hi, and how come you are mooching around this cold, lonesome street of a bright Sunday?" I asked.

So he told me he was now an employe at the Yellow Dog News Photo Agency, and it was a capitalist dump, full of dishonesty and the usual commercialism. He was sunk in the muck all week up to his ears, and on Sunday just had to go out and do something honest and good, or bust.

"I go around and take pictures of New York," he said. "I discover typical houses, dumps, alleys, signboards. I look for the faces of people that will express our spirit. It gets to be fascinating. And it washes some of the week's poison out of my mind."

The wind was blowing from the Arctic and a metal-blue sky burned cold over our heads. But the talk was interesting, and good talk is better than all the hot night clubs or Hollywood shows in the world.

"New York!" said the young photo-artist. "Nobody can really love it! The place is too big, too tough, too hurried to be loved. It isn't built to human size. Nobody can strike



by Mike Gold

his roots here. This city changes every generation—there's almost no continuity. Yet why does it fascinate me? Am I a hophead addicted to a drug? I love the town like a coke loves his dope. And the more I look at its dirty, rough, tough old face the more I love it."

As for me, I liked the look on his own face. Not stones, not buildings, but people make a city. I like young people with an urge to art who are excited about expressing their world.

THEIR passion is purer than that of a Wall Street broker's. Their hearts contain more humanity than is ever found in the safety deposits vaults that passes for a heart with the Roy Howards, General duPonts and other "important" moneybags.

Life more than money—truth more than commercial success—this is the spirit that lives in thousands of young people in New York.

"When I started out on this Sunday artifying," said my photo friend on the windy corner, "I thought I could shoot the collective portrait of New York by concentrating on faces, only the faces of the people. I believe a gallery of all the typical faces would picture the city's portrait better than any skyscraper or traffic jam portraits."

"But I found I was wrong. There is a dialectical bond between the human being

A City of Faces, of People As a Photographer Tells It

and his physical surroundings. No single face of a New Yorker can ever tell you the whole story of this town. You need to know, also, the sights and sounds that influence him in his daily round.

LOOK over there! I've just taken a panoramic shot of that signboard. Thousands of New Yorkers see it every day. It must do something to them. It must affect their little brain-cells. Otherwise the advertisers would not pay big lumps of cash to put up that sign."

It was a great red and blue sign that he pointed at, and it covered almost the entire heaven. Really, as I stared at its immensity, I had the feeling that this was another Bronx miracle; that the last trumpet had sounded and all New York fell to its knees in fear and prayed, while out of the awful mystery of the eternal sky, this message had been projected for all to know and follow: "DRINK COCA COLA."

Nothing more; the whole of the ten commandments had been boiled down to this one supreme command. My photographer pointed across the street, where a smaller sign read "Drink Pepsi-Cola."

"Pepsi always tries to put one up wherever there's a Coca-Cola sign," he said. "It's a war of the giants. You walk around the city and are affected by it. New York is a battlefield of conflicting commercial signs. Could anyone in a socialist country ever imagine it?"

City CIO Still Needs Community Streamlining

by Max Gordon

NOW, however, the CIO delegations are going to demand of them that they take a position in opposition to a major measure of the Truman Administration. They will have to make a choice between following the reactionary course taken by their Democratic national leaders and the course of labor. This will be something of a test of their real attitude toward labor. It will be a highly interesting and instructive experience.

I have a hunch that labor will find that in a good many cases its former, rather loose and haphazard, methods of political organization will not be enough. These methods worked in New York City when it was a case of getting the Congressmen to go along with their own national leaders. But when it comes to getting them to buck those leaders, wider and stronger community mass movements will be required.

Actually, the CIO has yet to tackle seriously the problem of activity in the communities. A few years ago it tried to do this through the organization of community councils. These councils did succeed in developing some actions in the communities and in bringing the CIO closer to other sections of the population. They were dissolved because it was felt that they were competing with local American

Labor Party clubs. The idea was that the councils were to go into the ALP clubs. Actually, this never happened, and the problem of getting the CIO membership politically active in the communities still remains.

ASSOCIATED with this is the problem of conceiving of the ALP as a genuine party of the people. As long as it is considered simply as the political instrument of the CIO alone, there will be the tendency to confine its activities to the shops and unions.

But if the CIO begins to look upon the ALP as a popular third party, with all labor as its base, it is likely to be more conscious of the necessity for building it in alliance with other sections of the population.

Involved also is the key problem of bringing the AFL into the ALP which, of course, can scarcely be done if it is conceived as a CIO instrument.

All this requires that the ALP be built on a community basis. On top of that, you cannot work effectively in elections and in influencing Congressmen and legislators if you are not organized to rally the people in the constituencies where they live. And, since labor faces the job of building an independent political movement, it will have to do just that.

Let's Face It

OVER the weekend, CIO-organized delegations from various congressional districts will face their Congressmen and demand they go on record—for or against—the Truman anti-strike bill and other anti-labor legislation.

Except in one or two cases, it may be easy to get these Congressmen on record against such legislation as the Smith-Arends bill to bar political contributions by trade unions and to penalize unions.

Congressmen from New York, with its strong union movement and its powerful Roosevelt tradition, are not in the habit of bucking avowedly reactionary measures. There are a few exceptions, like Ellsworth Buck, Staten Island Republican.

But there is a new angle to the CIO's discussions with the Congressmen this weekend.

Of the 24 Representatives in the city, only three are Republican, including Buck. For the most part, the 21 Democrats considered themselves Roosevelt supporters. They had to, at least publicly. In the past it was relatively easy for the CIO to get them to agree to its program since that program was also Roosevelt's.



Poland Honors Its 'Premature Anti-Fascists'

Polish anti-fascists who fought in the Dombrowski Brigade of the Spanish Republican Army were shorn of their citizenship by the reactionary pre-war regime. When 200 Dombrowski veterans met in Warsaw early in November a government spokesman told them that new Poland would have liked to give them "double citizenship because you have earned it."

Instead the government restored their rights, decorated many of their number for gallantry in Spain, and gave them farms on which to support families of their fallen.

This action is in contrast with the situation in the United States, where many high Government officials persecute those who fought in Spain on the grounds, as one of them said, that they were "premature anti-fascists."

Brigaders from other lands joined with the Dombrowski's at their first reunion, held at Transport Workers headquarters in ruined Warsaw. Fraternal delegates came from Hungary, Yugoslavia, Sweden, Belgium, France and England. A British delegate writes:

"The Polish International Brigaders met after ten years of fighting, first in Spain, then in the

concentration camps of France, North Africa, in the underground movement, in the hell camps of Germany and above all in the Polish Army which was formed in the Soviet Union and fought alongside the Red Army right up to Berlin.

"Remember that German brutality, which fell with hideous severity on the whole Polish nation, naturally singled out the Brigaders for the most horrible tortures. It is impossible to say at the present time to say how many have lost their lives between 1939 and today."

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Then on the Congress itself: "I want to emphasize the complete participation of the Polish Provisional Government in all the proceedings. The whole expense was borne by the government. All the best premises and hotels were placed at the disposition of the Association. Transport was set aside for the use of the Congress. Airplanes were provided for the delegations from France, Britain, Belgium. No delegation had any expense whilst in Poland, not even cigarettes or postage stamps. "Moreover the Chief of State was represented at the Congress by

Vice President Barcikowski, several ministers and deputy ministers, the Mayor of Warsaw and the leaders of the democratic parties.

"The Vice President said: 'You recognized fascism for what it is. By your fight at Fuentes del Ebro, at the Casa de Campo, at Ebro and elsewhere, you opened up the road to freedom and progress. . . . Poland will never forget what you have done for democracy.'"

POLAND'S PROBLEMS

On the problems of Poland today:

"We were struck from the very first, and all the way through, with the tremendous emphasis laid on the need to defend Polish democracy. Nobody blinks at the fact that reaction is not dead."

"An organization was formed. Its president is Gen. Swirczewski—our own General Walter. The aims are (1) The continuation of the struggle against fascism; (2) Practical help for the disabled, widows and orphans."

"A political resolution said that in Poland reaction is lifting its head in spite of the disasters suffered by fascism and the duty of the I. B. is to protect Polish democracy."

"In Spain we learned the value of the fighting unity of all nations, in the cause of peace, the Brigaders said. Today, more than ever, collective security can save us from a new world war. Our neighbor and ally the Soviet Union has been a foremost fighter for this ideal. We need more and closer collaboration with our neighbor and with Britain and America."

The congress received greetings from near and far—from La Paasionaria and Lister of Spain, from the Veterans of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade in the U. S., from Luigi Gallo and Pietro Nenni of Italy and Andre Marty of France, from Hans Kahle of the Thaelmann Battalion and Gen. Mando of the Yugoslav I.B. Leo Krzycki of the Polish American Labor Council came in person with greetings from Poles in America the U. S.

"It is impossible to express," the British brigader concluded, "the tremendous feeling of strength and solidarity which emanated from the Congress. The men of the Dombrowski Brigade have full reason to be proud of their struggle of the last ten years. They enjoy and deserve the confidence of the people of their country."

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Mr. Editor

Story of the Heroism Of a Chinese Girl

Long Island City

On Nov. 17th a Chinese girl, Miss Ho Yoh Mei, received from Lt. Gen. George E. Statemeyer, commander of American Air Forces in China, a medal. The medal was for courage (as a guerilla) in saving Lt. Col. Clyde D. Slocum of Doerum, Ga., an American flyer, when he had to bail out.

She suffered horribly at the hands of the Japanese when she was later captured and refused to talk. She was decorated in her hospital bed. Lt. Col. Slocum is now commander of the 75th fighter squadron in Hangchow.

We should popularize this story about one of the brave Chinese people our reactionaries want to murder.

ELIZABETH JOHNSTON.

Fears Intervention in China May Lead to World War III

Vancouver, B. C.

Editor, Daily Worker:

Despite many thousand of American protests, we see the U. S. A. daily becoming more involved in the struggle to suppress China's democracy; millions of Chinese killed by the Japanese are no sooner buried than the Motherland for which they fought is precipitated into Civil War by foreign interference.

I respectfully draw your attention to the fact that American ships, loaded with tanks and guns, are transporting the Fascist forces of Chiang Kai-shek to the battle zones and, recently a San Francisco paper, Young China, charges that the U. S. Government had donated 3,000 war planes to the Nationalists. This cannot solve China's problems but will probably cost millions of lives and it surely served as ample reason why 2,000 Chinese Naval Cadets in Florida refused orders to return to China for military service against their own countrymen.

I feel confident that the State Department of the U. S. is well informed by General Stilwell and others that the Kuomintang is a reactionary dictatorship and that the Partisans, who fought so valiantly against the Japanese, administer democratically. I further submit that America's use of force in China is equally as imperialistic as was Hitler's and Mussolini's policy in Spain. I earnestly urge you to use your influence to speed withdrawal of all American forces from China. Such withdrawal would confirm the sincerity of Mr. Truman's Navy Day speech when he advocated self government of all peoples who are prepared for it "without interference from any foreign source."

I gravely fear that the present military interference of the United States in China may lead to the beginning of the Third World War.

H. SHAN GEN.

Difference Between Soviet And Capitalist Foreign Policy

Pontiac, Michigan.

Editor, Daily Worker:

There is much talk about "imperialist" Russia going on. Would it not be wise to print an article on the difference between Russia's "imperialism" and the actual imperialist policies of England and other capitalist countries?

One helps the common people of other countries and the other exploits them. G. CAMPBELL.

The opinions expressed in these letters are those of the readers and not necessarily of the paper. We welcome letters from our readers and their friends on subjects of current interest. To facilitate the printing of as many letters as possible, and to allow for the freest discussion, please limit letters to 300 words.

Gen. Hodge Cracks Down On Korean Democratic Movement

Lt. Gen. John R. Hodge, Commander of U.S. forces in Korea, cracked down yesterday on the Korean democratic movement. He denounced the Korean Peoples Republic as a "political party" which "poses" as a government, and collects taxes.

He threatened that any political parties in the future which posed as a legitimate government would be regarded as unlawful and would be dealt with accordingly by the Military Government.

Hodge and his colleagues demand that the Military Government, which utilizes pro-Japanese Koreans as its advisers, be regarded by Koreans as their only government.

He wants the Koreans to knuckle down unquestioningly to AMG's attempt to utilize the entire police and economic apparatus of Japanese imperialism.

The people of Korea who have other ideas cannot but be dissatisfied with the State Department's vague projection of self-rule for Korea at some unnamed future.

The Korean people have struggled against Japanese domination for 40 years. They are capable of recognizing and punishing

pro-Japanese traitors, even if AMG is not. They are prepared to root out the strangling Japanese imperial economy, even if AMG seeks to take it over for American imperialism.

The Korean Peoples Republic, slurred and threatened by Hodge,

was established two days before the Americans landed in Korea. Its constituent congress was attended by 1,500 representatives from all parts of Korea and all types of democratic organizations.

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Will Youth Again Be 'Lost Generation?'

AN EDITORIAL

The first peace-time convention of the New York State American Youth for Democracy opens tonight.

New Yorkers are beginning to know this organization as a militant, anti-fascist movement that is rapidly stepping forward as a fighter for the dreams and hopes for which young Americans fought and toiled in the war against fascism.

Once again the specter of a "lost generation" begins to threaten our young people. Instead of assurances of jobs and education and the warm humanitarian spirit that won youth's affection for Roosevelt, it is getting the cold shoulder from the Truman Administration and Big Business. And scarcely have our young men and women won World War II when the Administration already plans compulsory conscription of all youth in the execution of a dangerous foreign policy which can only mean a "Two-War generation" of youth, unless checked and reversed.

The youth of America are a powerful force for progress that must be united and mobilized. The decisions reached and activities mapped out at AYD's convention should make a big contribution toward that end.

Rail Pay Issue Enters Maze Of Labor Act

CHICAGO, Dec. 13 (UP).—Railroad representatives announced today that they would seek Government mediation in negotiation of wage demands.

The unions have asked for increases ranging up to 30 percent.

Spokesmen for the railroads said they had informed the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers and the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen that they would ask the National Mediation Board to intervene in the negotiations, the next step required under the National Railroad Labor Act.

Urge City Boost Health Dep't Pay

Mayor LaGuardia's decision to raise the wages of hospital nurses was welcomed yesterday by the New York District of the State, County and Municipal Workers Union. The action, however, was considered "very belated."

A wire to the Mayor from James King, president of the New York District, urged that the wage situation facing other city workers, especially nurses in the health department, "is just as serious."

"If hospitals are to give efficient service to the ailing, the department's entire wage scale must be adjusted upward at once," said King.

The Mayor in his broadcast Sunday admitted that a serious shortage of nurses in hospitals was due to low wages.

AYD GI Dinner--Tribute and a Promise

Bill Mauldin and his Joe and Willy are still in there pitching against the powers-that-be. Back in civilian life, they've lined up with the American Youth for Democracy's campaign to speed up demobilization and quit intervening in China.

The dinner was just a starter, for tonight the New York State AYD opens its three day convention with a mass rally at Hotel Diplomat. John Gallo of Ford Local 600 will bring first hand word from the GM strike front, and others will speak out for the program of the two-year-old fighting organization.

Mauldin talked from California to the AYD's Welcome Home Joe second anniversary dinner at Hotel Roosevelt Wednesday night. He expressed what actor Edward G. Ro-

binson called his "grim young determination to prevent another war" by teaming up with the young people most active in the fight to halt imperialist adventures.

The roster of speakers at Wednesday's dinner reads like a list of American youth's idols. But the idols didn't stay up on any pedestal, like Gene Kelly and Danny Kaye, they stepped off to say that as human beings, as young people, they were with the AYD.

Norman Corwin introduced Col. Evans Carlson, Marine Raiders hero speaking from California. Carlson

spoke out against intervention in the affairs of other lands.

There were the Gold Star mothers of Meyer Levin, Lt. S. A. D. Sidat-Singh and Rodger Young.

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Dean Dixon received an AYD honor scroll presented by Olin Downes.

Other honors went to Yank staff writers, NMU seamen, veterans off the Bilbo picket line; to Capt. Garson Kanin for his inspired direction of *The True Glory* and to Jane Froman for her indomitable spirit in entertaining GIs despite her disability caused by a plane accident. Negro and white soldiers were honored for their heroism under fire

and a young nurse for her devotion to the wounded.

Two young clergymen chaired the affair. Rev. William H. Melish and Rev. Jack R. McMichael. Young stage stars Gordon Heath and Sono Osato brought their greetings. Councilmen Benjamin J. Davis Jr. and Stanley Isaacs took part. Dr. Hewlett Johnson, Dean of Canterbury, sent a message.

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Sad Nites at Garden, Locals Can't Win 2

By PHIL GORDON

Tomorrow night both NYU and St. John's will have an opportunity to uphold the good name of New York City basketball. The Violets will face the Arkansas Razorbacks while the Indians will tackle the

heiter-skeite Rhode Island Rhodies. Certainly the met teams will not be able to do much worse than they have done in the first three nights of the season in which the met fives, for the first time in Garden basketball history, have failed to sweep a twin bill.

In the three double headers to date New York teams have been only able to split. Wednesday they missed dropping both games by a slender margin as big Harry Boykoff got hot and led the St. John's Indians into an overtime victory over the talentless Utah Utes after trailing most of the game. The score was 46-45 and heavily when it was all over.

With Boykoff's sterling play the Indians would have knocked off easily for none of the other boys seemed able to hit the basket. Lennie Doctor scored ten points but was phlegmatic most of the evening.

In the first game of the evening the LIU Blackbirds went down to defeat before the Oklahoma Aggies, 49-33, and this was no contest. The

Blackbirds could do little to break the magnificent defense of Hank Iba's boys although Jackie Goldsmith had another spectacular night with his set shots, dropping seven plus two fouls for 16 tallies.

However, Goldsmith's penchant for throwing the long ones ruined whatever chance the Blackbirds had of organizing a planned offensive. Bob Kurland, who had two floaters around him most of the night, was the key man in the Aggie win, scoring 19 points and playing a whale of a floor game when working in the bucket.

The Blackbirds revealed a continuing disability to knife through and under and until they can develop a few fast cutters they will have themselves a lot of trouble.

Textile Pay Parley

BOSTON, Mass., Dec. 13.—An emergency national conference of the Textile Workers Union, CIO, to discuss wage negotiations in the woolen and worsted industry will be held in John Hancock Hall here at 10 a.m. tomorrow (Saturday).



LOW DOWN

Beau Jack Not Great But a Delight to Watch

By Nat Low

At about 10 o'clock tonight a brown skinned little man with a magnificently sculptured body will hurtle between the ropes and into the Garden ring. He will be wearing a white bathrobe and a towel will be wrapped around his head to prevent a chill.

After a few moments of dancing about to limber up, he will go to the middle of the ring, listen attentively to the oft-repeated instructions of the referee then will warmly and with real sincerity stick out both of his gloved hands and wish his opponent good luck. After that he will hurry back to his corner, get a last bit of advice from his handler, do a fast dance with his hands on the corner-stands and, at the clang of the bell, he will whirl around and leap into the center of the ring to do battle with his opponent for the night.

The little man is Sidney Walker, whom you know as Beau Jack. Everything Beau does in the ring excites people. He is such a wonderful athlete, he even looks good missing—and he is so obviously wholesome and clean-cut that before the fight is two minutes old the crowd will be yelling for him like mad.

Beau Jack is not a great fighter—although at one time we thought he had the potentialities of becoming one of the best ever.

Beau's speed is astounding, as is his endurance, but the speed is never quite exploited fully. Only on rare occasions is it brought into play at that precise moment when it can do most damage to the foe.

Beau's punching ability is unquestioned. He can hurt anybody he can hit solidly, but it is not the kind of punch possessed by Ray Robinson, Joe Louis or even Rocky Graziano. That is, it does not upend a man and leave him helpless for the finisher. This is due, I imagine, to the fact that Beau rarely hits a man clean on the button. In other words, he is not a sharp-shooter who can pick out a small hole and then let fly with a crushing shot right on the target.

Beau wins his fights by his sheer energy, his toughness and combative spirit, for he is a fighter from beginning to end, always carrying the attack, always swarming over an opponent until the man wears out from exhaustion.

Despite the fact that Beau is not in the class of Ray Robinson, he is one of the best and certainly one of the most colorful fighters to come along in years and his very presence in the ring is enough to pack the Garden and send it into cascades of cheers.

Willie Joyce, his opponent for the night, is a so-so fighter with one major asset—a smart left hand. But Joyce is a cagey veteran who knows his way around in the business and it will be interesting to see what Beau, out of action for more than 16 months, will do with him.

No matter what happens, however, it will be an interesting and exciting night. It always is when Beau is there.

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PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 13.—American Tobacco Co. workers, in the ninth week of a strike against the manufacturers of Lucky Strikes, Pall Malls and other products, today began a house-to-house visiting campaign to bring the story of their fight to the community.

Their union, the Food, Tobacco and Agricultural Workers, met with company representatives at the U. S. Conciliation Service last Thursday but management still flatly refused to meet the strikers' demands.

Twenty-five hundred employees in Philadelphia, Trenton, N. J., and Charleston, S. C., are involved in the strike which asks a 65-cent minimum wage, a 25-cent an hour general increase, a union shop and a clause guaranteeing no discrimination because of race.

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Two weeks ago, speaking at an Inter-Racial meeting in Long Island, Rickey announced that he would sign a few more Negro players before spring training time.

Yesterday's New York Post carried a story on its sports page from Chicago to the effect that Rickey will announce the new players some time this week. However, a Rickey press conference called originally for this afternoon was cancelled yesterday.

Germans Enslaved 1,942,600 Poles

WARSAW, Dec. 13 (Polpress).—The Germans, during their occupation of Poland, shipped 1,942,600 Poles into the Reich as slave laborers. Of these, 680,900 were women.

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Katya (Natasha Zashipina) and Nastenka (Nina Ivanova) laugh with delight at the fireworks heralding the liberation of Leningrad. This scene is the climax of "Once There Was a Girl," new Soviet film coming to the Stanley Theatre soon.

A Story About Labor For the Teen-Agers

By ELIZABETH MORROW-BACON

A City for Lincoln is an important book and a grand story for high school boys and girls. It is the first book for young people to be published in 10 years that reaches for the roots of the struggle for American democracy and finds them in the labor movement. Practically all books written especially for teen-agers either ignore labor completely or are actually anti-labor; A City for Lincoln is frankly and strongly pro-labor.

This exciting story of a hard-fought election in a Middle Western town is an antidote to reactionary efforts to separate labor from the rest of the American people—which affects boys and girls as well as their elders.

SMASH FINISH

Readers of Yea! Wilcats! will remember Don Henderson, the young basketball coach who took his sportsmanship seriously off the basketball court as well as on. In A City for Lincoln, after having a juvenile aid program sabotaged by the town's reactionaries, Don is persuaded by the president of one of the CIO locals and the editor of the liberal newspaper to run for mayor. The campaign that follows has the excitement and smash finish of Mr. Tunis' inimitable sports writing.

The picture is well drawn. You can almost name off the characters out of your own experience—the hard-working president of the CIO local who is the sparkplug of the campaign, the middle-aged woman who is a whizz at doorbell-ringing, the store owner who risks the disapproval of his fellow business men and somehow manages to dig up the money to pay the printer. And then there are all the high school students who pitch into the campaign not only because they like Don but because they also want their town to be a decent place.

It is too bad, however, that all the principal characters who carry the action along are adults. Personally, I should have liked to see further into the minds of Tom, basketball

A CITY FOR LINCOLN by John R. Tunis. Harcourt, Brace & Co. \$2.00.

star and leader of the boys in the campaign, who is also the son of the town's arch-reactionary; or Anola, whose mother works in a factory and who does so want clothes as nice as the other girls. As it is, the boys and girls, while treated with great dignity and maturity, are only sketched in.

The book does not evade the harsh realities of a political campaign. Mr. Tunis works on the assumption that if young people can take it in real life, they can take it in fiction, and that they really want books which will help them understand what goes on. Hence, the reactionaries sling mud at Don and rebait his Citizens' Committee. Mr. Tunis shows up the rebaiting as a tactic to divide the progressive forces.

Unfortunately, in the end, he also does a little rebaiting of his own. He fails to recognize that in real life some of Don's best supporters would have been Communists and fails, too, to understand that by his violent denials he is playing into the hands of his enemies.

Several years ago Mr. Tunis wrote All-American, a grand football story deeply concerned with Negro discrimination. He followed it the next year with The Keystone Kids, an equally suspenseful baseball story which shows the demoralizing effects of anti-Semitism. These two books helped to convince people that racial discrimination is a legitimate subject for stories for young people. The boys and girls liked them. They like A City for Lincoln, too.

Some other good new teen-age novels: Swamp Fox Brigade by Eric Lucas; The Moved-Outers by Florence Crannell Means; A Sea Between by Lavinia Davis; Reunion in Poland by Jean Karavina.

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Useful Book On Soviet Foreign Policy

USSR Foreign Policy by Victor Yakhontoff. Coward McCann.

As so often happens, a book which is modestly advertised and does not claim over-special attention turns out to be exceedingly useful. Such is the case with Yakhontoff's survey of Soviet foreign policy. In his own words "it does not pretend to be more than it is, namely a review of what was known to many but should be known by many more."

Under 15 headings, more or less in chronological order, Yakhontoff surveys the Soviet struggle for existence, for normalization of relations with other countries, then the battle for collective security and finally the war.

He makes excellent use of official documents and speeches. The reader will be struck again and again with the freshness of many historic statements by Litvinov before the old League of Nations Council.

Tens of thousands of Americans are today learning about the Soviet Union for the first time; many more want a systematic understanding of the Soviet place in the history of the past generation. This is what Yakhontoff's work supplies in an unassuming but thorough fashion.

It does not grapple with the problem of post-Teheran relations, and in fact ends with the San Francisco conference last Spring, when the shortcomings of the Teheran accord were beginning to become clear. One feels a very realistic restraint in these latter pages. The author appears to have disagreed with those who interpreted the Teheran accord as "almost a complete reversal of past policy between nations and the ushering in of an era of brotherhood automatically guaranteeing complete understanding and imperturbability."

Yakhontoff is a unique figure; he stems from an older generation of Russian diplomats and was among the first to break with the outlook of the past and understand the great new meaning of Socialism for his country.

His straight-forward scholarship makes the book useful; and the recollection of his own adjustment to Soviet policy over the past generation makes his book particularly stimulating.

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A UNIQUE EXHIBIT FOR PAN-AMERICAN DEMOCRACY

By SADIE VAN VEEN

A unique and splendid collection of oils, engravings and sculpture opened on Sunday, Dec. 9, at the Council for Pan American Democracy, 23 W. 26 St., New York. The exhibition, sponsored jointly by the American League of Artists and the above named organization, is a significant expression of friendship among the artists of the Americas.

Here is a superb panorama of artistic work. There is a dynamic quality in the South American art that stands out at first glance. In the oils there is the terrific impact of tropical and sun heated air, which brings about blue green shadows and pale blues, purples and oranges in the landscapes.

Typical is the oil portrait of a girl by Mariano Rodriguez, Cuba, and "Mexican Journey" by Jose Guterres of Mexico. Both reproduce the colors of the southlands, in vegetation and flesh tones.

There is a collection of prints, lithographs and etchings from the Cooperative Graphic Arts Workshop of Mexico. They are too numerous to review in this short space. But here is delight for the lover of fine art and here also is food for thought as in "Poverty and Riches," "Mexican Revolution" and other pictures of political expression. A particular etching stands out, in my mind—"Boy With Marbles."

From Bolivia there is Marina Nunez Del Prado with "Llamas" in cast stone and a wonderful terracotta "Madonna." The Chilean Enrique Zantartu contributes several etchings, while Andre Lafontant has a magnificent life size crayon drawing of a nude worker. Artists from Panama, Peru, Cuba and Mexico are also represented.

Many of the best artists of the AIA are here, including Rockwell Kent, Hugo Gellert, Lynd Ward, Philip Evergood, Harry Gottlieb, Lena Gurr, Charles Keller, Philip Reisman and many others.

The exhibit closes with a Christmas auction on Sunday, Dec. 16, 2-6 p.m. Admission is 50 cents. Prices range from \$5 to \$200.

Opens Tonight

Opening on Friday night, Dec. 14, at the Coronet Theatre is "Dream Girl," Elmer Rice's newest play starring Betty Field.

Jefferson School Holds Unique Forum on Art

Teacher and student will change places when the Art Department of the Jefferson School holds a forum tonight, Friday in the Students' Lounge at the School, 575 Avenue of the Americas. Students will take the platform while the faculty members of the Art Department remain in the audience. The Forum will highlight an exhibit of paintings and drawings and sculpture done by students of the Art classes and will have as its topic, "Why Art?"

Teachers in the Art Department include: Aaron J. Goodelman, sculptor; Josephine Truslow Adams, instructor in Painting and Drawing; Norman Lewis and Frank Kleinholz, instructors in Drawing and Composition. Admission is free, and the exhibit which opens on Monday evening, Dec. 10, will be open for the entire week both afternoons and evenings.

2d Week For

'Fall of Berlin'

At the Irving Pl.

The Soviet film Fall of Berlin has been held over for a second week at the Irving Place Theater. The co-feature is the British spy thriller They Met in the Dark. The Soviet musical short A Nation Dances and the latest newsreels round out the bill.

'Nature of Capitalism'

To Be Out in January

Anna Rochester, author of Rulers of America and Why Farmers Are Poor, has completed the revised edition of her latest book which will be issued by International Publishers in January, under the title The Nature of Capitalism (96 pp. 35 cents).

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Negro Convicted for Good Deed

John H. Hill, 52-year-old Negro who aided a fellow subway passenger, was convicted in Felony Court yesterday for his good deed. He was sentenced by Magistrate William A. Farrell to a \$50 fine or 10 days in jail for "picking pockets." He chose to pay the fine.

Hill's case, an example of police terrorism against Negroes, was revealed in the Daily Worker on Dec. 8. Riding on the Eighth Ave. express from his mother-in-law's home in Brooklyn to his own home in

Fined \$50 for Waking Man in Subway

Manhattan on Thanksgiving eve, he fell asleep and passed his stop. Waking at the end of the line, he noticed another Negro in a similar plight and touched his knee with a book. The Negro rose, thanked him and left.

Hill was then arrested by Patrolman John O'Shaughnessey of the New York City Transit Police on a charge of jostling. Present with

O'Shaughnessey was Patrolman William Bryan, formerly of Greenville, S. C. After going through an "inquisition," Hill spent five days in the Tombs awaiting trial.

By yesterday's trial Hill had withdrawn his former plea of guilty which, he said, was urged on him by Bryan, "Who told me it would save me six months in jail."

Appearing on the stand yesterday,

ative of the CIO architects, engineers and technicians as well as an American Labor Party member. Hill's lawyer was Benjamin Pesikoff.

O'Shaughnessey and Bryan, however, stuck to an elaborate story of Hill's touching three passengers, although the charges said only one passenger was touched. Bryan was seen to be scoffing when Hill testified. Apparent throughout the trial was the failure to look into possible racial prejudices of the arresting officers.



Kids Defend the Family Budget

One hundred children of Detroit city employees picketed the city hall in protest against Mayor Jeffries' proposal to cut of \$25 to \$45 a month in their fathers' take-home pay. Their fathers are members of the State, County and Municipal Workers of America, CIO. "It's take-home pay that feeds us kids," says one sign. "My grandpa is a member of the union," said Robert Chapman, 8, "and I came down with him. Maybe this way we can have enough money for a Merry Christmas." [Other photo on page 1.]

Anti-Strike Bill Strategy Hits Snag in Senate Hearing

Daily Worker Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.—The Truman Administration's hope of speedy enactment of the Norton-Ellender anti-strike bill ran into obstacles today when the Senate Committee on Education and Labor announced that it would recess its hearings tomorrow on the measure until after the holidays.

The Norton-Ellender bill outlaws strikes during a mandatory cooling-off period.

Administration strategy has been to push the bill through in time to block strikes scheduled for January. The United Steelworkers strike is set for Jan. 14.

Donald Richberg, renegade Railway Labor lawyer, told the Senate Committee this morning that strikers could be punished in three ways under the Norton-Ellender bill. Despite the lack of written penalties in the measure, striking workers could be punished first under the authority of the courts, which grant injunctions to forbid "unlawful" strikes. Secondly, they could be dealt with under the regular criminal code, which has special provisions for punishment of "violators of laws." Thirdly, strikers could be sued for damage by employers. It is hard to collect damages for a "lawful" strike, Richberg pointed out, but it will be otherwise in an "unlawful" walkout.

WANTS DRASTIC MEASURES

Nevertheless, Richberg wasn't satisfied with the bill. He objected particularly to the fact-finding board's power to subpoena records. What he wanted, said Richberg, was the Ball amendment to the Ball-Burton-Hatch bill which he had helped to write.

Ball's amendment is the old B2-H1 bill with some minor changes. It is designed to "cool-off" strikes, but gives the courts greater injunctive power against strikers. And it smashes the substance of the Wagner Act which now gives workers protection against unfair practices by employers.

Ball believes his amendment would also end the closed shop.

VFW Heads Poll No Members, Back Compulsory Arbitration

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.—The national leadership of the Veterans of Foreign Wars yesterday demanded compulsory arbitration of labor disputes, without previously consulting its membership's view.

Omar V. Ketchum, national legislative director of the VFW, declared yesterday that the anti-labor demand of the organization's bureaucratic top leadership would be presented to Congress this week.

Curious as to just what machinery functioned in the determination of this demand of the VFW, the Daily Worker telephoned the national headquarters of the organization in Kansas City. From there a Mr. Barney Yanofsky, who identified himself as public relations director of the organization, said the demand followed a resolution adopted at the recent meeting of the VFW's National Council of Administration in Kansas City.

Asked if there had been a referendum vote of the membership to see if they okayed this stand, Mr. Yanofsky said, "It isn't necessary according to our constitution."

Asked if local organizations of the VFW had concurred in the anti-labor stand taken by the national leadership, Yanofsky again replied, "It isn't necessary, according to our constitution."

"We've got to deal with the closed shop issue and the Wagner Act," he told reporters after the session.

President Truman's anti-strike proposal has opened the door to the Ball bill, which had been hiding in a fox hole under labor opposition until the President's message of Dec. 1.

Sen. Wayne Morse (R-Ore), indicated his opposition to the Truman plan today when he asked Richberg how it would be possible to stop a great army of 100,000 to 200,000 strikers who were protesting "intolerable grievances."

The Oregon Senator asked how could this measure halt the steel strike?

Richberg later told reporters that the plan would be to move against the strike organization.

U.S. Lets Planes Be Sold to Argentina

The United States will release aviation equipment including engines, parts and planes to "authorized Argentine purchasers," it was revealed in State Department press release No. 868 issued Nov. 19 and brought to the Daily Worker's attention yesterday.

The State Department announcement said that export licenses would be granted only for civilian use. This, of course, cannot guarantee that the Argentine regime will not at some time use the planes for military purposes.

The decision is "totally unrelated to any political consideration," the statement concluded.

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Vets' No. 1 Worry Is Jobs, Survey Shows

The desperate need for a job is the number one problem of returning veterans, a survey made by the Brooklyn Veterans' Service Center, 105 Court St., revealed yesterday.

The survey was taken among 5,000 veterans who have gone to the Center during the last three weeks for help.

Almost every one of those 5,000, the survey revealed, was looking for help in job guidance or job placement.

The Service Center report put the blame for a marked rise in requests

for information about unemployment insurance on the falling wage rate which drives veterans to say "nuts" to the jobs that are available.

Unemployment insurance questions rocketed from 2.1 percent of all questions asked by veterans interviewed in October to 10 percent of those asked in November.

City to Act on Wage Credits for Teachers

By HARRY RAYMOND

The Board of Estimate yesterday set Dec. 28 as the date it will act on a budget amendment to increase the pay of 3,000 teachers who have been denied salary credits for years of work as substitutes.

Spokesmen for the CIO Teachers Union, the AFL Teachers Guild of Education and independent education groups told the Board that if teachers salary adjustments were not made the situation in the schools would remain critical with hundreds of classes going uncovered.

The resolution before the Board returns teaching credits up to three years to teachers who served as substitutes.

Charles Gillman, auditor of the Board of Education, said the pay adjustments would cost the city \$600,000 in the 1945-1946 budget and \$1,200,000 a year thereafter. He argued it was unfair for the city to refuse to give teaching credits to substitutes who served in the city school system, while it gave full credits to those who gave similar service outside the city.

BY-PASS NURSES PAY

The question of increasing pay of nurses in city hospital, which Mayor La Guardia said would be taken up at once by the Board of Estimate, was by-passed in yesterday's meeting.

The Board is awaiting recommendations from Budget Director Thomas Patterson and Hospital Commissioner Edward Bernecker.

Failure of the Board of Estimate to grant the teachers' demands would be "another step in the false economy program of the city and would result in chaotic conditions in the schools," said Mrs. Cecelia Pollock, administrative secretary of the Teachers Union, CIO.

SCORES INADEQUACIES

She asserted the resolution was not strong enough because it failed to give credits to teachers with library, trade and other experiences essential to progressive education.

Mark Levin, attorney for the Teachers Guild, argued that if the Board failed to grant the adjustments he would go to court and fight

for a more far-reaching order which would cost the city \$5,000,000 instead of \$1,200,000 a year.

May Healy, of the Joint Committee of Teachers, told of conditions where women had worked ten years doing regular teaching but getting substitute pay.

Deputy Mayor Rufus E. McGahan, while not stating how he will vote on the measure when it comes up after Christmas, did say he saw "no justification" in it. Other Board of Estimate members did not state their position.

Chicago CIO Maps Pay Fight

By CARL HIRSCH

CHICAGO, Dec. 13.—Chicago CIO unions prepared for a unified wage struggle, following a conference last night in which 1,200 union officers and stewards packed the ballroom of the LaSalle Hotel.

Joseph Mattson, regional director of the UAW-CIO, was elected to head a coordinating committee to direct a joint strategy for the unions of this city.

The conference threw its full backing behind the GM strikers as the "advance guard" of the wage fight. At the same time, the parley sent President Truman a denunciation of his strike-breaking moves, and demanded that Congress vote down the North-Ellender bills "as a deadly menace not only to the labor movement but to the entire nation."

Said Gerald Fielde, secretary-treasurer of the CIO Farm Equipment Workers: "Today we find that monopoly capital is acting as one. It's time we did the same. It's GM today and the rest of us tomorrow."

One highlight of the meeting was the ovation for Sam Parks, secretary-treasurer of the CIO United Packinghouse Workers District Council, who lambasted the two old political parties and declared that "the time is ripe for a new party of the people."